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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN CIVIL AIRCRAFT DOWN IN MOZAMBIQUE

1. LOCAL PRESS SEPTEMBER 9 CARRIED GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT THAT A RHODESIAN CESSNA 172 WHICH HAD CROSSED INTO MOZAMBIKAN AIRSPACE NEAR THE BORDER AT CHICUALACULA HAD "FALLEN" AND THE TWO OCCUPANTS OF THE AIRCRAFT, MIRON MARCUS AND JACKIE BLOCH OF SALISBURG, SURVIVED BUT WERE INJURED IN THE CRASH.

2. COMMENT: CIVILIAN LIGHT AIRCRAFT FLY OVER THE RHODESIAN-MOZAMBIKAN BORDER AT THEIR PERIL. SINCE THE RHODESIANS BEGAN ARMING AND USING LIGHT AIRCRAFT IN COUNTERINSURGENCY ROLES, INCLUDING RAIDS INTO MOZAMBIQUE, MOZAMBIQUE ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNNERS LIKELY REGARD ALL LIGHT AIRCRAFT AS FAIR GAME. THE RHODESIAN CIVIL AIRCRAFT WAS PROBABLY SHOT DOWN. THIS IS THE SECOND LIGHT PLANE SHOT DOWN IN A WEEK; A FEW DAYS EARLIER A BEIRA CHARTER AIRCRAFT CARRYING TWO CABORA BASSA EXECUTIVE WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ERRONEOUSLY SHOT DOWN NEAR CABORA BASSA.

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MOZAMBIQUE ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENSES INCLUDE SOME CON-

VENTIONAL WEAPONS PLUS A LIMITED SUPPLY OF SA-7
"STRELA" MISSILES.
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